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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW 20554
Washington, DC

Re: Expression of Interest – Rural Broadband Trials Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, GN Docket No. 13-5

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Farmers Telephone Company Inc. would like to submit a letter of interest for the use of IP Transition Experiment funding as outlined in the order, Order Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, Released January 31, 2014.

Background

Farmers Telephone Company Inc. is an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier that has been serving rural customers for 94 years. Our focus has been to serve areas that other companies did not want to serve. We try to provide the latest technology and broadband service to our customers. We have built the primary network with fiber and the next phase would be to do Fiber to the Home (FTTH).

Proposed Geographic Areas and Scope of Support

Farmers Telephone Company Inc. would like to expand its Fiber to the Home (FTTH) network to all of its customers with the initial priority to the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Reservation. We currently provide Support Services to the headquarters on the reservation for both voice and broadband. We would now like to expand FTTH to provide telecommunications and broadband service to all the member's homes on the reservation.

In addition we would like to provide FTTH in the other areas we serve in the state of Colorado. The areas we would like to express an interest in are Yellow Jacket, Dolores Canyon, Pleasant View and Cahone. We believe all of these areas are identified by the FCC as potentially eligible on an experimental basis for Connect America Fund broadband subsidies. Also, an area contiguous to our serving area that is eligible for funding that we would like to serve by our subsidiary Farmers Telecommunication, Inc. which is current not eligible as an ETC but we would file with the state immediately upon notification that the area of Dove Creek would be receiving funding.

In Conclusion

We have an interest in participating in your project for all of the areas we serve that are eligible for funding. Whatever additional information you need, please let me know. Thank you for your considering our Expression of Interest for funding that will be allocated in the Rural Broadband Experiments. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (970)562-0058 or dpace@ftitel.net.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas G. Pace". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Best regards," text.

Douglas G. Pace
General Manager